

THE CLEVELAND LAW LIBRARY



NEWSLETTER

Spring No.2 2019

CLE WEBINARS FOR 2019 Legal Research Series

The Cleveland Law Library is offering three more [Webinars](#) for CLE credit this year. Many of you have attended our live CLE programs at the Law Library, but we also offer CLE classes online for your added convenience. All you need to participate is a computer, laptop, tablet or other device with a microphone and speakers that can access the Internet.

Signing up for a class is very simple. Just register online through our [Catalog](#). You will then receive an email confirming your registration and reminders closer to the date of the program. When the time for the program comes, just click on the link in one of the emails you received, and follow a few simple instructions to connect online with us.

Our current [Course Catalog](#) includes the following class options:*



CLE Webinars	Date	Time
Court & Judicial Statistics For Lawyers	April 25, 2019	3:00 p.m.
Government Statistics Lawyers Need to Know	May 16, 2019	3:00 p.m.
Economic Indicators Lawyers Need to Know	June 27, 2019	3:00 p.m.

*All classes are \$30.00, but Members should call the Law Library for a Discount Code to reduce the price to \$25.00 per class.

ABA LAW DAY: Wednesday, May 1, 2019

This year's theme for the American Bar Association's [Law Day](#) is *Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society*. Come join the Law Library's staff on May 1st as we recognize the 1st Amendment to the United States Constitution. Light refreshments will be served from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We will also be playing famous speeches about freedom all day long on our lobby monitor and displaying famous quotes about freedom throughout the Main Reading Room. Guess who said what for small prizes.



CLEVELAND LAW LIBRARY TO STAFF LEGAL AID BRIEF ADVICE CLINIC May 15, 2019

In honor of the Cleveland Law Library Association's upcoming [sesquicentennial](#), we are partnering with the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland to help staff a Brief Advice & Referral Clinic* on May 15th. We still need more lawyers and non-lawyers to help so please sign up by contacting Kathleen M. Dugan at the email or phone number below.

Date: May 15, 2019

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Cleveland Public Library,
Louis Stokes Wing, 2nd floor Learning Commons



525 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, OH

Contact: Kathleen M. Dugan kdugan@clelaw.lib.oh.us

Phone: 216-861-5070

* The clinic will provide an opportunity for individuals to meet one-on-one with attorneys for a limited period of time about their problems. An attorney's commitment for the Brief Advice & Referral Clinics limited to trying to help with advice or direction. Individuals are advised of the limited scope of attorney engagement at the time of intake triage so that there is no misunderstanding about the level of service being provided. All clinics are first come, first served free advice events for low-income individuals with civil legal issues related to shelter, safety and economic security (not criminal).

Thank You.

Joseph N. Gross, Esq., President, The Cleveland Law Library Association
Sheryl King Benford, Esq., Chair, Cuyahoga County Law Library Resources Board
Kathleen M. Dugan, Esq., M.L.S., Librarian & Chief Administrator

***BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:
Friday, June 21, 2019***

BOOK: [*The Company Of Demons: A Novel*](#),
by Michael Jordan (Austin, TX: Greenleaf Book
Group Press, ©2018.)

WHEN: 12:30 - 2:00 p.m., Friday, June 21, 2019

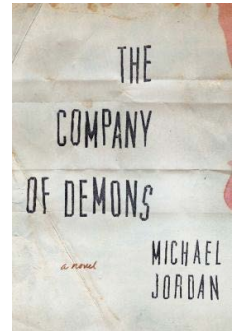
WHERE: The Cleveland Law Library,
Cuyahoga County Courthouse,
4th Floor, 1 W. Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland,
OH 44113

SPECIAL GUEST: Michael Jordan-local attorney and author

The Author will sign copies of his book after the program.

Free And Open To The Public

For help obtaining copies of the book from the Cleveland Public Library, contact:
David Furies (216) 623-2919; david.furies@cpl.org



PROBATE COURT ADVICE CLINIC

JELLY BEANS

This month, the Law Library asked members to guess how many jelly beans were in a jar at the front desk. Our lucky winner was Peter S., who guessed 89. There were 102 Jelly Beans in the jar.



THANK YOUS

During *National Library Week* this year, we asked our patrons to comment on the service they receive at the Law Library. Here are a few of their comments:

- *"Thank you! Libraries are the real gems of every community. We are all blessed by our libraries & our librarians."*
- *"Thank you all, for your help and direction, and courtesy in providing a friendly respite from our busy lives."*
- *"You folks are an invaluable resource!"*
- *"Thank you for all of your assistance. Your helpfulness is much appreciated."*



LAW LIBRARY NEWS:

New Employee: Ashley Nix:

My name is Ashley K. Nix, and I would like to briefly introduce myself as the new Reference and Circulation Librarian at the Cleveland Law Library. I am an Ohio native, but still relatively new to the Cleveland area. I have always had a passion for librarianship, which I previously fueled by volunteering alongside the lead archivist at the Troy History Library in Southwest Ohio. I started my career as a paralegal in 2011 working for a high-volume personal injury firm and graduated in 2012 with my Associate of Applied Business in Paralegal Studies. Upon graduating, I attended Bluffton University, attaining my Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Management.



Following my graduation from Bluffton, I accepted a position with an insurance company's house counsel department, assisting senior and associate defense attorneys with motor vehicle and premises liability cases. Before long, I transitioned to another high-volume firm which allowed me the opportunity to work closely with two of their litigating partners.

In 2018 I was accepted to Kent State University's College of Communication & Information, where I am presently pursuing a Master of Library & Information Science. I began working as a Reference Librarian in a public library near Cleveland, with a goal of employment in a "special library" prior to graduation. My transition to the Cleveland Law Library was timely in allowing me to meet this goal, however, this position has brought me full circle, back into the legal field, and it is the best of both worlds for me.

I hope that these varied experiences will help me to meet the needs of the Cuyahoga County legal community and I am looking forward to a future of serving all our wonderful patrons at the Cleveland Law Library.

Grant Funding:

The Law Library was recently awarded grant funding from the Ohio Consortium of County Law Library Resources Boards for a stand-alone kiosk with a touch screen, a two-way translation device, an *Oculus Go Virtual Reality Headset*, a table throw, and a retractable banner. This equipment will help the Cleveland Law Library stay on the cutting edge of technology, better serve its patrons, and market our services and resources to current patrons and potential new members.

New Librarian Articles:

Kathleen M. Dugan recently wrote the following articles that may be of interest to members:

- [eBooks for Legal Research](#), Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Journal, March 2019 Issue.
- [Enhance Your Law Firm Website with https for Security](#), Attorney at Law Magazine-Cleveland Edition, upcoming in the April 2019 Issue.

New Virtual Displays:

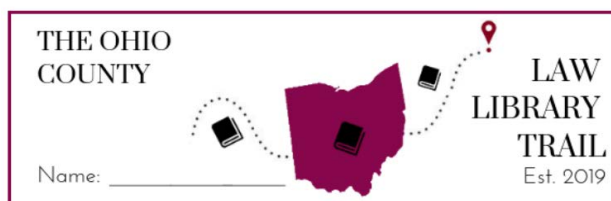
In the last three months, the Law Library has posted new [Virtual Displays](#) about [The Life of Frederick Douglass](#), the [Freedom of Information Act \(FOIA\)](#), and [Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month](#).

Peeps Display:

For the last few years, Law Library staff have been creating a Peeps display every Spring. This year's theme is *We The People*. We took a few liberties with history and added Peeps of RBG and Teddy Roosevelt for fun.



Ohio County Law Library Trail:



The Cleveland Law Library is participating in the Ohio County Law Library Trail from April 8 to October 22, 2019. Twenty-five Ohio county libraries* have joined

together to encourage you to visit their county law libraries. If you visit the most participating law libraries on the trail, you will win a prize made up of unique donation from each participating library.

Start your journey on the Trail by stopping at the Cleveland Law Library to pick up a bookmark or passport and get it signed by one of our Librarians.

*Participating counties: Ashtabula, Carroll, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Delaware, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Hancock, Jefferson, Lucas, Mahoning, Medina, Montgomery, Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Washington, and Wood.

[Ohio County Law Library Trail Rules](#)

150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLEVELAND LAW LIBRARY: Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Honor: The Cleveland Law Library Association is proud to announce that it will be inducted into the [Western Reserve Historical Society's 100 Year Club](#) later this year. This Club was created in 1953 to honor an "elite group of ...corporations and institutions that have been in continuous existence for at least one hundred years..." and have displayed "longstanding entrepreneurial and philanthropic spirit."

Trivia Question: How many lawyers and judges signed the Cleveland Law Library Association's 1st Constitution in 1869? Answer: The answer is located on the Law Library's 150th Anniversary [Trivia Page](#).



IS YOUR HOUSE YOUR CASTLE?

Ohio has a new self-defense law that became effective on March 28, 2019.* As part of its 132nd Session, the Ohio General Assembly passed [Am. Sub. H.B. 228](#), which changes the laws regarding both self-defense and handling firearms. According to the Ohio Legislative Service Commission, [H.B. 228](#) "[s]hifts to the state the burden to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that a person charged with an offense that involved the use of force against another did not use that force in self-defense, defense of another, or defense of that person's residence." Previously, that burden had resided with the individual asserting self-defense. The Ohio Judicial Conference is working on revised jury instructions to add to the criminal instructions in *Ohio Jury Instructions*.

*Certain provisions regarding preemption are not effective until December 29, 2019.



OHIO FAMILY TRUST COMPANY ACT

One of our patrons recently asked our Law Library staff to research [Ohio's Family Trust Company Act](#) contained in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1112. This Act is still relatively new, having become effective just over 2 years ago on September 14, 2016. Under the law, a family trust company can be established as either a corporation or an LLC to serve family clients. It acts as a fiduciary, must be wholly owned by family clients, and must be exclusively controlled (either directly or indirectly) by one or more family members or family entities. In addition to other prohibitions, it cannot transact business with a person that is not a family client. A family trust company can choose to become licensed as a trust company in order to serve a slightly larger pool of family clients, but the statutes impose additional requirements regarding minimum capital, liability insurance, office space, and staffing. In addition, licensure comes with supervision and regular audits by the Ohio Division of Financial Institutions.



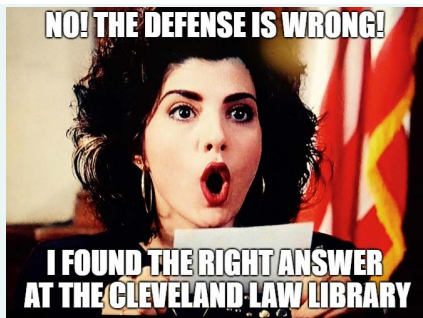
NEW 8TH DISTRICT WEB SITE

The Eighth District Court of Appeals has launched a new website. While the website includes e-filing, local rules and forms, as one would expect, the Eighth District has added a section devoted to Pro Se litigants. This section provides a self-representation guide, along with necessary forms and instructions for filing an appeal. Users can explore this, and other helpful information, at: <https://appeals.cuyahogacounty.us/>



NEW LAW LIBRARY MEMES:

For those of you who enjoy comical memes, here are pictures of the Law Library's March and April posters:



Welcome New Members

- Ben Egel
- Anne O. Ford
- Dorothea Kingsbury
- Craig Vrabc
- John Zalic

DAYS THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED

The Law Library will be closed the following days in 2019:

- Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th
- Independence Day, Thursday, July 4th
- Labor Day, Monday, September 2nd
- Columbus Day, Monday, October 14th
- Veterans Day, Monday, November 11th
- Thanksgiving, Thursday and Friday, November 28th and 29th
- Christmas, Wednesday, December 25th



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